

TO CODIFY THE LAWS

All Pension Legislation to be Classified

By a Bill Presented in the House.

A TICKLISH MATTER.

Committees in Charge Were Shy of Taking Hold.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—[Special.]—There is a chance for some special legislation over the pension bill for codifying the pension laws, which has been favorably reported by the committee on the revision of the laws. The bill is itself the code—that is to say, it is a condensation of all the pension laws ever passed by congress and is a very interesting document. It consists of 154 pages in the ordinary print of house documents and contains 23 chapters and 190 sections. In fact, it looks very much like a copy of the statutes at large, and yet it is admirably arranged, with all the subjects brought under their appropriate heads and marginal references to all the preceding laws, which are condensed in it, and finally is very completely indexed. With this bill in his hands any applicant for a pension can in one minute find the answer to any question he may be interested in, whether as to required proof, mode of proceeding, amount of pension or the penalties and safeguards. The committee declares in the closing section that this act has not changed the substantive law of any previous act, but has merely put all existing pension laws in an orderly arrangement. This, however, is ever so true, will probably not prevent a pretty sharp contest, for there are many members on both sides of the house to whom any kind of a pension act is like a red rag to a bull, and there is so much suspicion that every part of the bill will be very carefully scrutinized and its meaning questioned.

A Ticklish Matter.

The history of the bill as shown in the committee's records is somewhat interesting. On the last day of the first session of the Fifty-second congress the house adopted a resolution presented by Hon. A. J. Pearson of Ohio for the appointment of a committee to codify the pension laws. This committee adopted a general plan and left the work to Messrs. Fletcher Dennis and D. S. Porter, who drafted the bill. It was approved by the department of the interior and the pension bureau and at the beginning of this congress the bill before the committee. In committee it has received the most thorough examination, as all the members looked upon it as a rather ticklish matter.

While it was in committee, however, the storm about stopping pensions was raised, and the so-called "vested right" amendment was adopted. This it will be remembered, declared that a pension once granted became a vested right and could not be suspended except upon notice and by regular process. This was incorporated in the codification, and the whole will soon be laid before the house for action. Of course no analysis of the bill is necessary, as the most important features as found in existing laws have been popularly discussed hundreds of times, but when one looks through the completed act he will find very many provisions which seem new because not often spoken of. The chief feature that attracts attention is the immense number of pension acts which have been passed and are here mentioned in the marginal notes, and next to that the great number of kinds of service for which pensions have been or may be granted.

Border Militia.

Everybody knows that there are pensions for services in the Revolutionary, Barren and Mexican wars, and second war with Great Britain, and all our Indian wars as well as the war for the Union. But there is a long list of services not so generally known in which pensions were gained. It is, for instance, specifically provided that the provisions of the general law are extended to all who served in a bureau of state militia, the provisional Missouri militia and several like bodies; also to the relatives of discharged soldiers who were murdered by guerrillas at Centralia, Mo., to the relatives of those who perished in the Jeannette exploring expedition and of those lost in the wreck of the United States vessels. Still the bill does not go far enough to suit many, and we are told that amendments will be offered in the house for the benefit of border state militia or home guards who took part in any of the fights or foot races resulting from guerrilla invasions. Taking all these things into consideration, the debate will certainly be entertaining, and the only pity is that the bill is not quite sure of being taken up this session.

Another measure which has been scrutinized with unusual care and is making very slow progress through committee is the so-called "border militia" bill, a bureau of public health in the treasury department. This bill is a sort of legislative growth by accretion. It may be said to have begun several years ago in the struggle to keep out the yellow fever and to have been modified in various ways since by the precautions against cholera and the disagreements between national and state authorities. It is admitted that a majority of the house committee on commerce, which has the bill in charge, is in favor of a national board of health, and that large majorities of both houses are, but the matter of methods and details bothers everybody. This is the bill which was introduced in the house on Dec. 18 by General Tracey and in the senate a few days before, and the various arguments made in its favor make quite a little library. Within a few days past several eminent physicians have been arguing earnestly in favor of the measure, and yet members of the committee are not quite certain that they can agree upon a bill.

Local Matters.

The District of Columbia, which is always urgent for something, has within the last fortnight become clamorous indeed, declaring that the local sewerage is wretchedly inadequate, that the most important suburban roads are still ungraded, and that the public health is in serious danger, and that a great many other evils are present or impending for want of congressional action. The opposing street railroad companies have also joined in what they believe to be the death struggle, and the citizens implore congress to settle the matter soon. Nevertheless the District committee

enjoys itself quite leisurely at its weekly meetings and is still unable to say certainly what it will do with any of the proposed measures. Meanwhile several western members who have returned from trips home to see about their prospects report that the religious question will cut a big figure this year, the so-called "A. P. A." having stirred up much animosity, especially in the cities along the Mississippi and Missouri rivers.

THEY DON'T WANT MUCH.

Fusion Democrats Will be Satisfied With Two Places on the Ticket.

The fusion Democrats are very much interested in the coming Populist state convention, which is to meet here June 12th. The Democrats will be easily satisfied, and if the Populists will put two Democrats on their state ticket, the fusionists will throw up their hats and cheer for the Populist ticket.

Of course these two nominations must be outside of the head of the ticket, as the fusionists expect the Populists to renominate Lewelling for governor. One of the places they covet is that of associate justice of the supreme court, and the man they want named for that position is George W. Clark, who has been assistant attorney general during the last two administrations, except during the short reign of Noah Allen. Clark is a good Democrat and a good lawyer and enjoys the confidence of the Populist leaders and his nomination for associate justice is one of the possibilities.

The other place the fusion Democrats want is that of secretary of state. Secretary Osborn has already declined the renomination and it is conceded that the place should go to the Sixth district. J. W. Ames of Smith county is a middle of the road Populist seems to be the strongest man now in sight for the place, but the Democrats don't like him. They say "Ames won't do at all" and they would like to have one of their own crowd named for secretary of state. It has been suggested that Tully Scott would accept the nomination if it came his way.

The nomination of Clark and Scott by the Populists would be satisfactory to most all Kansas Democrats and they would no doubt support the entire Populist state ticket in consideration of those two offices.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT.

George Gould Will Find It Out When He Gets to Europe.

NEW YORK, May 18.—When George J. Gould reaches Southampton next Wednesday, he will learn that the earl of Dunraven is willing to race the Valkyrie against the Vigilant. A cable to that effect was received today from Dunraven by H. M. Matland Kersey.

The former agrees to give the Vigilant two special races, one over the Cape May and Breton Reef course, the other being the Clyde regatta. Two gold cups will be the prizes offered.

LIVING WITH ONE KIDNEY.

Ex-Congressman Clarke of Missouri, Under an Unusual Operation.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Ex-Congressman Clarke of Missouri, is lying in a critical condition in a private hospital in this city. A week ago he was compelled to have one of his kidneys removed. While the physicians express hopes of his recovery, his condition is such that his family has not yet been admitted to his bedside.

Gen. Clarke was for six years the representative of the Sedalia district and for the same number of years clerk of the house. After his defeat for re-election he remained in this city and lately was appointed a clerk in the supervising architect's office.

ARMOR PLATE SCANDAL.

The Investigation Is Concluded—Change in Navy Department Policy Probable.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 18.—The investigation into the armor plate scandal was concluded today and the naval board returned to Washington tonight. It will probably be a month before its report will be made public. It was learned that one result of the investigation will be a change in the policy of the navy department so far as the selection of inspectors is concerned.

The inspectors at present are mainly ensigns, who have returned from sea voyages. The board will recommend that in future mechanical engineers and not sailors, be selected to inspect government material.

MAY BE NATIONAL STRIKE

Says President Garland of the Iron and Steel Workers.

CLEVELAND, May 18.—President M. M. Garland, of the Amalgamated Iron and Steel Workers association, speaking in regard to the probability of a strike of iron and steel workers, today said:

"Of course I do not know what strikes will occur this year because the convention has not yet reached that order of business in the policy of the ensuing year is to be outlined, but judging from the policy of the past, it will be pretty safe to conclude that if all mill owners refuse to sign the scale, then there will be a national strike."

HARD TIMES FOR SHOPMEN

All the Grand Trunk Shops Shut Up for Three Weeks.

MONTREAL, May 18.—All the Grand Trunk railway shops over the entire system will close down tomorrow for three weeks owing to the coal strike in the states.

All trains except those carrying mail, passengers and dispatch freight will be taken off and the passenger service reduced to the very lowest number of trains.

WORKING MEN ON FARMS.

Labor Leaders Speak in Denver on the Colonization Scheme.

DENVER, May 18.—Mr. Hadden, president of the state federation of labor, Wm. C. Pomeroy, general organizer for the state of Illinois, past president Meek, of the international organization of corks and waiters and Jeffray arrived here today on their return from California where they have been looking for lands for colonization purposes.

Tonight they will address the laboring people of Denver.

The STATE JOURNAL's Want and Miscellaneous columns reach each working day in the week more than twice as many Topeka people as can be reached through any other paper. This is a fact

VACCINATION OF PUPILS.

National Commissioner of Education Harris Opposed to Compulsory Vaccination.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Commissioner of Education Harris has discussed the question of vaccination in the public schools in an interview today. Dr. Harris said: "I am opposed to compulsory vaccination of the public school pupils. However I believe that children should be refused admission in the schools when it is found that they lack evidence of having been vaccinated. Once in two or three years a physician should visit the schools of each city to vaccinate those whose parents have expressed their willingness. As an illustration of the benefits of revaccination, an average of 24 per cent of the pupils of the St. Louis schools who were vaccinated in 1893 at which time I was superintendent, 'took' again. The fact shows that they were liable to take the smallpox."

"It is important that opportunity be given all school children of vaccination in once in two or three years. The general law, I think, should prohibit admission of children without vaccination prior to their entrance into school work. Almost all the city schools have rules on this subject and in the western cities these rules are rigidly enforced. The mortality from smallpox in the schools is not large; for instance, in St. Louis during an epidemic some time ago I found that one out of 1,600 pupils, or one pupil in every two schools had the disease. It is essential though that skillful physicians be employed and good vaccine be used."

BEFORE JUDGE ENSMINGER

Three Small Cases Before His Honor at Police Court.

Willie White who assaulted a little bootblack named Spendlove yesterday was brought before Judge Ensminger today. The boy pleaded guilty to the charge of assault and was fined \$5, which will hold him until Probate Judge Elliott "gets around" to ordering the boy to the Reform school.

When Captain Gish was going down to the city park last night to attend the Coxe meeting he was attracted by the sound of battle in a disorderly joint on Kansas avenue near Third street. He rushed up the stairs and found Jack Morrison fighting with three women. Morrison was placed under arrest. He put up \$5 for his appearance in court, which he forfeited by non-appearance.

A farmer named James Murray, who had been drunk, was discharged. He told the court he was never drunk before, that he "didn't mean to" and would never do so again, and moreover he had no money and is an old soldier. The court concluded that Murray had been taught a sufficient lesson by being locked up all night and let him go free.

RURAL BURGLARIES.

T. Gordon's House Entered—The Thief Leaves a Pair of Shoes.

Mr. T. Gordon, a farmer living in the vicinity of Menoken, was in the city this morning carrying a pair of heavy No. 10 shoes and a new walking cane which articles had been abandoned in his house last night by a burglar.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon slept soundly and knew nothing of the burglar's presence but the younger members of the family having been away spending the evening, returned and surprised him so that in his haste to depart he left the articles which Mr. Gordon brought to town. He found time however, to carry away a gold ring and a revolver.

This morning tracks of someone barefooted, were discovered going in the direction of Jacob Albright's, and as he was short a pocketbook containing \$9.00 he is thought to have been visited by the same enterprising individual.

R. A. Ogden in the same neighborhood, lost some clothing and Joe Mayberry is short a good horse. Mr. Gordon gave the matter into the hands of the police.

COLORED REPUBLICANS.

A Well Attended Meeting in the Third Precinct, Second Ward.

A rousing meeting of the colored Republican club of the Third precinct of the Second ward was held last night at their hall corner of State and Chase avenue. Good speeches were made by Aaron Jettmore, J. G. Wood, P. H. Conney and others. The second ward colored Republicans are united and harmoniously organizing for vigorous work in the coming campaign. The club meets next Thursday night, the 24.

S. J. Young, President.

THESE FOXY INDIANS.

They Charge Toll For the Use of Fords to Give Ghost Dances.

GUTHRIE, Okla., May 18.—Several months ago the Okla. Indians laid up all the fords on their reservation in the strip and erected toll bridges, compelling the hundreds of people traveling overland to pay toll.

The receipts from these bridges have been large and the tribe is now arranging to use the funds on May 30 by giving a grand ghost dance and feast, to which all the neighboring tribes have been invited.

St. Joe Races a Failure.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 18.—The running race meeting in this city has proved a failure and the bookmakers have charge of the races offering free admission as an inducement for crowds.

The attendance has been light from the start and many of the horses have left the track. Col. Hatch, the well known horseman, who had charge of the meeting, it is understood has lost heavily in the venture.

Junketing in California.

SACRAMENTO, May 18.—Secretary Herbert, Miss Herbert, Miss Jewell, Miss Mirou and Lieut. Reamy arrived last evening from Mare Island and spent two hours visiting points of interest here. They left for the north by way of Portland and will return east by the Northern Pacific route.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Clarence Reeves, age 15 years, died yesterday at his home, 1010 Chase avenue. The funeral occurred this morning.

Mrs. Mary A. Wise, wife of D. A. Wise, died this morning at 8 o'clock, at the family residence, 707 East Eighth street. The disease was cancer of the stomach. The funeral will take place from the Church of the Assumption tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Peerless Steam Laundry—Peerless Steam Laundry.

NEWS OF KANSAS.

Grasshoppers Doing Damage in Hamilton County.

Successful Suffrage Meetings at Emporia and Seneca.

OTHER STATE NEWS.

Verdict of Guilty in Hill Case at Lawrence.

SYRACUSE, May 18.—Freighters from southeast Colorado, Morton and Stanton counties, this state, and No-Man's-Land, O. T., report the sections mentioned as being alive with grasshoppers.

The insects are very small as yet, but are rapidly increasing in size and numbers. We have learned of two fields of wheat being destroyed in this county during the past two weeks. A heavy rain is needed to kill the pests.

BUCHANAN ROAD LAW NULL.

Judge Williams Declares that \$600,000 of Wyandotte Scrip is Worthless.

WICHITA, May 18.—In the United States circuit court Judge Williams decided that what is known as the Buchanan road law of Wyandotte county is unconstitutional, and that therefore \$600,000 worth of certificates issued thereunder by the county commissioners are null and void.

The suits on which the ruling was rendered were brought by the Bank of Lonsdale, Pa., and Clarence A. Parks against the board of county commissioners of Wyandotte county. The plaintiffs held \$60,000 worth of certificates issued for the improvement of roads under the Buchanan law.

CRAZY AND IN JAIL.

George H. Draper From Arkansas City Confined in Winfield Lockup.

WINFIELD, May 18.—There is confined in the county jail here a man by the name of George H. Draper, who was found wandering aimlessly about the streets of Arkansas City, in a complete state of mental aberration. He was brought here by Constable W. J. Gray of Arkansas City, and taken before the probate judge, where he was adjudged insane.

He lives in a terrible manner. The officers watching him carefully for fear he may do himself harm. As soon as advice can be had from Osawatimie he will be taken to the asylum at that place.

STRANGE ACTIONS OF HOGS.

A Reno County Farmer Loses Many by Their Diving After Food and Drowning.

HUTCHINSON, May 18.—Mr. Katty, a Langdon farmer, having no corn, noticed that every day or so one of his hogs would be drowned in a pond which was in the feed lot. Keeping a close watch on them in order to find the cause, he discovered that they were in the habit of going out into the water and diving down after swamp grass. They would often fail to come up except dead.

He then hired a man to take a small boat and a large rake to pull up the grass from the bottom and feed it to the hogs, which are thriving on it.

As soon as they were fed on dry land the hogs ceased drowning.

GAGGED AND ROBBED.

The Missouri Pacific Agent at Huron Overpowered by Masked Men.

ATCHISON, May 18.—When the 11:30 Missouri Pacific passenger train reached Huron, the conductor, on going into the station found the operator absent and the money drawer empty on the floor. He heard some one in the neighborhood of a freight train making a noise, and after some time found where it was.

Opening the car door, he found the night operator where he had been locked up by five masked men who had called him to the window and pulled him through it. They robbed the drawer of \$6.10 and stole a \$50 watch from the operator, whose name is W. A. Hurst.

BIG WHEAT CROP IN KENO.

The Promises Are Now the Best in the State's History.

HUTCHINSON, May 18.—There will be a big wheat crop in Reno county, almost without a doubt. Farmers are purchasing new headers, and they all say that they now have promise of a larger wheat crop than ever before in the history of Kansas.

Nothing but some unforeseen bad luck can prevent a big harvest. The indications point to a very large crop of pimientos; cherry trees also are heavily laden.

HAILSTONES A WEEK OLD.

Ice Cream Made Near Emporia With Some of the Big Ones.

EMPORIA, May 18.—News is brought in from a country neighborhood in Duck creek that last Sunday ice cream was made by P. J. Symmonds with hailstones that fell May 4, during the great hail storm.

The hail had drifted into the banks of the creek and being covered with trash and driftwood was kept almost as well as if covered with sawdust. The hailstones were unusually large, but it is believed this breaks the record as to preservation.

EMPORIA'S WEALTH.

The Total Assessed Valuation is \$2,032,939.

EMPORIA, May 18.—The assessors for Emporia city have completed their work and made returns to the county clerk. The real estate valuation is \$1,610,557, a slight increase over that of last year. Personal property is assessed at \$422,382, a falling off of about \$22,000. The total assessed valuation is \$2,032,939.

Burlington Will Pay Its Share.

ATCHISON, May 18.—At a meeting of railroad and bridge officials in East Atchison it was decided to expend an additional \$2,500 in protecting the river bank in East Atchison. Work was commenced this morning. General Manager Brown of the Burlington, guaranteed for his company its share of the expense. The other officials were General Manager Frey of the Santa Fe, A. Kimball of the Rock Island.

Republican Delegates.

Following are the names and addresses of the delegates from Washington and Ellsworth counties to the state convention: Ellsworth—Geo. Huycke, E. W. Wel-

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

HUTCHINSON, May 18.—The employees of the salt works here have organized what they call the "Salt Employees Benefit Association," for the mutual benefit of the members and for social purposes.

They held a meeting this week, at which speeches were made by L. F. Cain and E. Eccles treating on organized labor and the necessity of organizing for self protection.

The Suffrage Meeting at Seneca.

SENECA, May 18.—The equal suffrage convention closed here with speeches by Mrs. Annie L. Diggs and Mrs. Theresa Jenkins of Wyoming. The mass meeting adopted a resolution urging the political parties to make favorable mention of the amendment in their platforms.

Equal Suffragists at Emporia.

EMPORIA, May 18.—The equal suffrage rally ended here last night. The meetings were largely attended. Rev. Pearce Pinch made the address of welcome and Mrs. Rachel L. Child responded. Anna H. Shaw spoke to big audiences afternoon and evening.

Hill Guilty of Manslaughter.

LAWRENCE, May 18.—The jury in the Hill murder case returned a verdict finding Hill guilty of manslaughter in the second degree. The jury was out eight hours. A motion for a new trial has been made by Hill's attorneys.

CLEVELAND'S SUCCESS.

He Has a Fine Time Trolling at Moorhead City.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 18.—A special to the News Observer Chronicle from Moorhead City, the well known resort of this state, says: President Cleveland is here on the Violet, Commander Evans in charge. He had fine success today trolling.

Jackson at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—President Jackson, the pugilist, arrived yesterday from the east and will remain three weeks.

Kindergarten Benefit.

Elocutionist recited at Liberty Hall this evening (Friday, May 18), by the pupils of Miss Nellie E. Whitehead assisted by Misses West and Prescott and Messrs. Abrahams and Kleinhaus, for the benefit of the Free Kindergarten. The following programme will be given:

PART FIRST.

1. Solo. Mrs. Lingafelt
2. Miss Clarke, accompanist
3. Violin Obligato. . . Miss Maria Norton
4. "Boys' Rights" . . . Mr. Ralph Forbes
5. "The Light on Deadman's Bar" . . . Miss May Hawley
6. "The Red Fan" . . . Miss Winnifred Prescott
7. Piano accompaniment, Miss Prescott
8. "The Courtship of Larry O'Dee" . . . Miss Alice Noble
9. "Grandma at the Masquerade" . . . Miss Dale Weed
10. "A Set of Turquoise" . . . Miss Grace Noble

PART SECOND.

1. "The Marble Arch," a comedietta in one act. Characters: Jack Merewether. . . Mr. John V. Abrahams
2. Marion Merewether (his wife). . . Miss Nellie E. Whitehead
3. Constance Cameron (young widow). . . Miss Alice Prescott
4. Captain Trentham (bachelor). . . Mr. Charles Kleinhaus
5. "The Little Rogues" . . . Miss Florence Marimont
6. "The Spelling Lesson" . . . Mr. Harry Forbes
7. "The Gypsy Flower Girl" . . . Miss Alice Whitehead
8. "Buying a Feller" . . . Miss Alberta Wilson
9. Aesthetic Posing. . . Miss Bessie Elder
10. Piano accompaniment, Miss West.
11. Tableau—"The Muses."
12. Tableau—"The Studio." Representations of World's Fair statuary.

Misses Noble, Hawley, Prescott, Noble, Weed, Wilson, Marmont and Elder.

Rositta, the 5c cigar, is made by a strict unionist of Topeka.

The Republican delegates of the Third ward will meet in caucus at A. B. Quinton's office, Columbian building, at 8 o'clock tonight.

C. E. PURVIANCE, Chairman.

Creates health, creates strength, creates vigor: De Witt's Sarsaparilla. It recommends itself. J. K. Jones.

The Daily STATE JOURNAL prints all the news.

Smokers going wild over Rositta cigars.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

WANTED—Boarders at No. 5, Ross block;

WANTED—Good second hand, piano box, single seated buggy or canopy top road cart. Must be bargain. Inquire Bert Lucas, Elks club.

FIRST-CLASS druggist wants position in or near Topeka. Must of experience; speaks both German and English; a No. 1 reference on application. Address, "The Rustler," Journal.

WANTED—500 parents to let their children grow up under the very shadow of Pond's Business College, 901 Topeka avenue, crippled for life with a poor hand writing, when that institution gives as good advantages as any. Don't let them stand this summer term at a cost of \$5, but keep them away for any trivial excuse you may find, and as they will never have the pleasure of its being stolen from them, if will not be wise to let them secure a good hand writing now while young and easily moulded, but wait until they get into business, when they must have it at all hazards, and then send them off to Spencer at a cost of \$500 each.

TODAY'S MARKET REPORT.

Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, May 18.—Wheat was firmer today on the weather, the small northwestern receipts and on the oversold condition of the market. Allerton was the principal buyer early, taking all the offerings from 55½ to 55½c. July opened ½c lower at 55½c, and advanced to 55½c.

Corn was firm, helped by wheat. July opened unchanged at 37½c, advanced ½c, and reacted to 37½c.

Oats steady; 30½c.

Provisions were a trifle higher in sympathy with the firmness in the grain pits. July pork opened 2½ cents lower, at \$11.75, advanced 15 cents and reacted to \$11.75.

July lard, \$6.87½c.

Receipts—Wheat, 25,000 bu.; corn, 151,000 bu.; oats, 226,000 bu.

Shipments—Wheat, 6,000 bu.; corn, 388,000 bu.; oats, 141,000 bu.

Estimated receipts for Saturday: Wheat, 85 cars; corn, 500 cars; oats, 250 cars; hogs, 12,000 head.

MAY 18

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WHEAT—May. . . 53 53½ 53 53½ 53½

July. . . 55½ 55½ 54½ 55½ 55½

Sept. . . 56½ 57½ 56½ 57½ 57½

Dec. . . 60 60½ 59½ 60 60

CORN—May. . . 30½ 30½ 30½ 30½ 30½